



KINGSLERE C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have had a good week.

Library Refurbishment

The library refurbishment has been taking place this week and is looking great! According to the National Literacy Trust, one in seven primary schools in England do not have a library and over three-quarters of a million children in the UK do not have access to books that we know enable better educational outcomes and greater well-being. Although there is no statutory requirement for schools to have a library, we feel this is such a vital element to our lovely school. It has been just magical this week to hear the gasps of the children as they pass by and see our new library take shape!

A huge thank you to our FKS PTA team and the Robert Higham's charity for providing funding for this project. Thank you also to everyone who has donated to the events run by FKS to raise these funds. A special thank you to Alan Clements, one of our library volunteers, who set to work with Mrs Dudman to get all the books into the right places, once the furniture had been erected. The library will be such a super reading space for the children to use and enjoy.

Enquiry Learning

It has been great to see the children enjoy their enquiry learning in the afternoons this week. Year R have been learning about maps, following them, creating them and looking at them in stories. We have also shared our thoughts on how the change of seasons has made differences on the walk to school, with sparkly grass, leaves on the floor and frozen puddles! Year 1 and 2 have been learning skills to make mittens and Year 3 and Year 4 have been preparing for their interactive museum outcome event for parents/carers, linked to rivers, which will take place in the school hall on 5th December from 14:00 – 15:00. Year 5 and Year 6 have been exploring Tutankhamun's tomb, which was replicated in our Nurture Room by the Year 5 and Year 6 staff team! Take a look at our school Facebook page for some inspiring photos! It has been great to hear the children share all the knowledge and skills they have learnt through their enquiries over the term.

Friday morning was very special. KingsPA performed two separate performances linked to the Year 1 and 2 enquiry question, 'How do we keep ourselves warm in winter?' and the Year 5 and 6 enquiry, 'Who was Tutankhamun and why was he so important?'. The performances were of an extremely high standard including singing, acting and dancing. Well done KingsPA and thank you for creating these bespoke performance for our children to support the children's understanding of some of their enquiry learning objectives.

Kyankowe

On Monday, in Collective Worship, the whole school were provided with an update from Revd. Canon Dodie Marsden regarding our partnership school – Kyankowe in Uganda. Dodie has recently been to visit and brought back letters from children in Kyankowe. The letters tell our children about school and day to day life experiences in Uganda and our children will be given the opportunity to write back. The partnership with Kyankowe is really valuable for children to learn about their global neighbours and we thank Dodie for supporting our partnership.

Christmas Fayre

We look forward to seeing you at our annual Christmas Fayre today! There are lots of games, amazing raffle prizes, food and drink as well as performances from our choirs and piano pupils. Thank you to the many volunteers who have supported so this event can take place and for everyone's contributions to the food hampers. A huge thank you also to all the children and staff who will be performing or helping on stalls at the event too!

Have a super weekend.

Kind regards, Jo Messenger (Acting Head)

'Hand in hand we learn, we grow, we soar.'
Kingsclere CE Primary School

Notices

Christmas Church Service

If you are able to support us in supervising children walking to and from the church on Friday 15th December, we would be very grateful. We will leave school at about 09:10. Please contact the school office. We reserve seating at the front of the church so you have somewhere to sit once you have walked to the church with us. Thank you for any support you can offer.

Mental Health Signposting Support

The following link provides a good resource for parents/carers to support child(ren)'s mental health. If you click on link below, the mental health tab, and then click on 'I am worried about my child' there is lots of information, videos and support. The Parent and Carer Support Tools have a range of helpful video clips too. <https://www.what0-18.nhs.uk/mental-health/your-childs-mental-health>

New Year R Tours and Visits for children starting school in September 2024

We have our final group tour on Tuesday 12th December at 13:30 for new or existing parents/carers who have a child starting school in September 2024. Alternatively, parents/carers may prefer to book an individual tour with the acting headteacher – please do not hesitate to call us. Please do support us in encouraging new families in and out of catchment to join our lovely school. Any parents/carers of children due to start school next academic year can contact the school via email: adminoffice@kingsclere.hants.sch.uk or on the school telephone no. 01635 298583 to arrange a visit.

Attendance

This week's best attendance was Willow with 95% attendance and Holly with 96%. We have 2 more weeks until we break up for the Christmas holiday and lots of exciting activities for the children as well as children completing their learning outcomes in each subject area. Special events coming up include our Year R. 1 and 2 Nativity performances, our whole school Christmas service, Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day. It is so important that children attend each day to not only enjoy the exciting events coming up, but to also finish their learning journeys this term right across the curriculum.

The Artist of the week this week is...



Artist of the Week: Mark Rothko
American Abstract Painter
1903-1970

Interesting Fact:
Mark was born in Latvia in 1903 as Markus Yakovlevich Rothkowitz. He moved to the US with his family in 1913. By the age of 17, he could speak four languages; Lithuanian, Hebrew, Russian and English.

Mark is best known for his colour field paintings that depict irregular rectangular regions of colour.

Green and Tangerine on Red, 1956

White Centre (Yellow, Pink and Lavender on Rose) 1950

Kingsclere CE Primary School Calendar Dates 2023 – 2024

Date	Event
Friday 1 December	School FKS Christmas Fayre 15:30 – 17:30
Tuesday 5 December	Year 3 and 4 Rivers Showcase event 14:00 – 15:00
Thursday 7 December	FKS Movie Night 15:15 – 17:30
Tuesday 12 December	Nativity performance 9:30 – 10:30am New Year R Parents' Visit and Tour 1:30 – 3:00pm
Wed 13 December	Nativity performance 9:30 – 10:30
Thurs 14 December	Christmas jumper day and Christmas lunch.
Friday 15 December	Christmas Service at St. Mary's 09:30 – 10:30
Monday 18 December – Monday 1 January	Christmas Holidays
Tuesday 2 January	INSET Day
Tuesday 16 January	Maths Parent Workshop – school hall 9.00 – 10.00
Friday 19 January	Young Voices at the O2 - Year 3, 4, 5 and 6
Monday 5 February	E safety week and Children's Mental Health Awareness Week
Monday 12 February – Friday 16 February	Half Term
Monday 19 February	NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe Week + National Road Safety Week
Monday 1 April – Friday 12 April	Easter Holidays
Monday 13 May	Mental Health Awareness Week
Monday 20 May	Y5 and Y6 residential to Calshot Walk to school week.
Monday 27 May – 31 May	Half Term
Monday 3 June	INSET Day
Wednesday 24 July	Summer Holiday Begins